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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Sir:

The present Amendment is filed in response to a Final Office Action dated May 21, 2004 in the above-referenced application ("Application"). Applicants respectfully submit that the following amendments put the Application in condition for allowance and therefore request their entry by the Examiner per 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

Please amend the claims as shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.